

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ALAN OLSON**, on April 13, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Olson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Diane Rice (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJR 57, 4/11/2007  
Executive Action: HJR 57

**HEARING ON HJR 57**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:29 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HJR 57, study conservation easements on state land.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:03 Kathy Bramer, on behalf of Linda McCullough,  
Superintendent of Office of Public Instruction  
00:06:39 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon  
00:07:30 Glen Marks, Montana Association of Land Trusts  
00:08:10 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:19 Rep. Jopek

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 57**

00:11:02 **Motion:** Rep. Klock moved that HJR 57 **BE ADOPTED.**

00:11:39 **Motion:** Rep. Thomas moved that HJR **BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(feh78a01)

**Discussion:**

00:12:15 Rep. Boggio  
00:13:09 Rep. Jopek  
00:14:48 Rep. Boggio  
00:15:07 Rep. Jopek  
00:15:40 Mr. Schultz  
00:16:10 Rep. Boggio  
00:16:23 Mr. Schultz  
00:16:53 Rep. Boggio  
00:17:10 Mr. Schultz  
00:17:36 Rep. Rice  
00:19:03 Rep. Gallik

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00:20:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Boggio, Rep. Himmelberger, Rep. Rice and Rep. Stahl voting no. Rep. Driscoll, Himmelberger, Stahl and Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:20:38 **Motion:** Rep. Groesbeck moved that HJR 57 **BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:20:57 Rep. Jones

00:21:27 Rep. Rice

00:21:54 Rep. Groesbeck

00:22:43 Rep. Klock

00:23:01 Rep. Olson

00:24:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Boggio, Rep. Himmelberger, Rep. Rice, and Rep. Stahl voting no. Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Himmelberger, Rep. Stahl, and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:25 P.M.

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REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

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CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([feh78aad.pdf](#))**